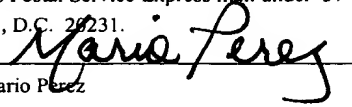


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1-19 and 21-27 to read as follows.

1. (Amended) A compound comprising a target cell-specific portion and a cytotoxic portion, wherein the cytotoxic portion is a constitutively active caspase or has substantially the same apoptosis-inducing activity as the caspase.